

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1009

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A RESOLUTION to commend pro-national energy policies that increase domestic production of oil, natural gas, and nuclear energy.

WHEREAS, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for more than one-half of its petroleum usage and is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world; U.S. dependence on overseas oil has created difficult geopolitical relationships, with potentially damaging consequences for our national security; and

WHEREAS, energy policy in the United States involves federal, state, and local governmental actions related to the production, distribution, and consumption of different sources of energy, including coal, oil, and natural gas, as well as renewable energy sources such as nuclear power; and

WHEREAS, implementation of pro-national energy policies, such as opening pipelines and expanding drilling to increase domestic oil production, would provide a larger supply of reliable energy, which would allow the free market to reduce prices for consumers, thereby helping middle-class and low-income families better afford daily expenses; and

WHEREAS, "organic energy costs" are directly connected to the supply chain and impact such day-to-day expenses as groceries and getting to and from work; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of organic energy costs fuels the economy, while higher organic energy costs equate to a tax on Tennessee's poorest citizens; and

WHEREAS, pro-national energy policies lead to American energy independence, which reduces organic energy costs by eliminating the need for the U.S. to import petroleum and other foreign sources of energy, including from countries in the Middle East and Russia; and

WHEREAS, by relying on politically unstable nations for our energy security, the United States remains vulnerable to the high costs of global energy supply disruptions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend pro-national energy policies that increase domestic production of oil, natural gas, and nuclear energy in addition to commending our former American energy independence and our previous ability to export oil rather than purchasing it from countries in the Middle East and Russia.